


## NPDES Roundtable Meeting Agenda

Skype Meeting, Hosted by  
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

July 19, 2018  
9:00-12:00





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ITEM	1	Assigned to:	Time
Title of Topic	INTRODUCTIONS/REVIEW AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS	Milasol Gaslan	9:00- 9:15 (15 mins)
Purpose	Roll call and review agenda.		
Desired Outcome	Get attendance and finalize agenda.		
Background			
Attachments/ Links:	 NPDES.RT. April 19 2018_Final Mtg Mini		
Contact Person	Milasol Gaslan (951-782-4419)		
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ITEM	2	Assigned to:	Time
Title of Topic	EPA UPDATES	EPA Staff	9:15- 9:35 (20 mins)
Purpose	1) Provide updates regarding EPA's NPDES programmatic criteria; 2) Biosolids and example permit language (RB7 City of Calexico WPCP NPDES Permit example); and 3) Coding permits into ICIS and the recent PG Environmental Training		
Desired Outcome	Information Sharing and Solicitation of Feedback		

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<b>Background</b>	<p><b>1) Provide updates regarding EPA's NPDES programmatic criteria:</b> EPA R9 has discussed this effort to develop programmatic criteria for each program that receives funding from EPA in past roundtables and during a listening session. We shared the draft final criteria during the last (April) Roundtable (attached again for ease of reference). The purpose of the criteria is to assess relative performance across states and programs as well as making EPA's expectations as transparent as possible. This effort complements already existing program evaluations.</p> <p>EPA R9 met with SB management to discuss using the NPDES program as a pilot for this effort. Therefore, we are likely to start assessing programs using the criteria within the next six months. We will be coordinating with the RBs, as we start this assessment. EPA will fill out the criteria matrix and will provide the RBs an opportunity to review.</p> <p><b>2) Biosolids and Example Permit Language (RB7 City of Calexico WPCP NPDES Permit):</b> Permit language, in the special conditions, could address biosolids compliance issues for POTWs. For example, the City of Calexico has biosolids management issues, including long-term stockpiles onsite at the POTW. Suggested permit language was provided to the RB. To review, biosolids annual reports, go to ICIS/ECHO.</p> <p><b>3) Coding permits into ICIS and the recent PG Environmental Training:</b> PG Environmental hosted a webinar for how to code permits into EPA's ICIS database. All Regional Boards attended. However, no evaluation forms were provided. Therefore, we would like to discuss the training format and content.</p> <p>(Please note that PG Environmental also conducted inspection training webinars (CEI) on June 21 and June 26, 2018).</p>
<b>Attachments/ Links:</b>	<p>Attachment for item 1: final NPDES programmatic criteria matrix and guidelines (redistributed from April 2018 NPDES Roundtable) Attachment for item 2: biosolids table Attachment for item 3: training course evaluation for introduction to ICIS coding.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">   Final Criteria GUIDELINES_NPDES Revised_CaliforniaCi </div> <div style="text-align: center;">   NPDES Table 2018.docx </div> <div style="text-align: center;">   Biosolids Table 2018.docx </div> <div style="text-align: center;">   Training Evaluation_Introduc </div> </div>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Becky Mitschele, USEPA at 415-972-3492
<b>Notes</b>	
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ITEM	3	Assigned to:	Time
Title of Topic	<b>BIOSOLIDS LANGUAGE IN NPDES PERMITS</b>	Lauren Fondahl, USEPA	9:35-10:05 (30 mins)
Purpose	Outline when biosolids language should be included in NPDES permits issued to POTWs		

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<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Inclusion of biosolids language in permits where needed to address on-site conditions, clarify monitoring and reporting requirements required under 503, General Order, and individual land application WDRs
<b>Background</b>	While EPA's 503 rule is self-implementing, some provisions in it need to be spelled out further for some POTWs so that they meet requirements under 503, the State General Order for biosolids, and individual WDRs. In addition, some needed O & M requirements not specifically addressed under 503 should be included in the NPDES permit.
<b>Attachments/ Links:</b>	
<b>Contact Person</b>	Lauren Fondahl (EPA Region 9)
<b>Notes</b>	
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ITEM	4	Assigned to:	Time
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>CYANIDE DISCUSSION: CONTINUED FROM APRIL NPDES MEETING</b>	All	10:05-10:20 (15 mins)
<b>Purpose:</b>	Continue discussion to resolve handling elevated cyanide effluent results from POTWs		
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>	Resolve or discuss approach to resolve what appears to be a common issue to many regional boards.		
<b>Background:</b>	<p>At the April 2018 NPDES roundtable, R1 asked R7 for a brief update on cyanide issue they previously dealt with. R7 facility conducted a study to determine if it was source issue or lab issue and verified it was not a source issue and concluded that it was probably a lab issue. Better lab procedures/protocol implemented appeared to work for the larger facilities although still an issue for smaller facilities.</p> <p>R4's LA County Sanitation District obtained ELAP certification for an alternative CN analytical method that didn't require sample preservation. They found that sample preservative may be causing cyanide generation. Alternative method requires analysis to be conducted within a short time. City of Thousand Oaks is doing studies regarding cyanide to determine: if chlorination maybe generating it, if it may be related to contact time, and where in the process cyanide might be generated. R5 Stockton facility doing analysis of unpreserved sample within 15 minutes; study of preserved and unpreserved sample will provide evidence that it is false positive, R2 stated cyanide was found to be a by-product of chlorination. R7 suggested perhaps State Board can take this up and set up a workgroup. Defer to next NPDES RT.</p>		
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<b>Contact Person:</b>			
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**BREAK**  
**10:20 – 10:30 AM**

ITEM	5	Assigned to:	Time
<b>Title of Topic:</b>	<b>BUDGET/BCP UPDATE</b>	Afrooz Farsimadan State Board	10:30-10:50 (20 mins)
<b>Purpose:</b>			
<b>Desired Outcome:</b>			
<b>Background:</b>	The State Water Board Division of Water Quality is coordinating with the Division of Drinking Water to Develop a Budget Change Proposal (BCP) to request positions for the Pretreatment Program in preparation for the loss of in-kind contractor services. If the BCP is approved, the proposed positions will be placed in a unit within the Division of Water Quality and located either in the California EPA building at the State Water Board or in Regional Board offices.		
<b>Attachments/ Links:</b>	None		
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Afrooz Farsimadan - 916-341-5544		
<b>Notes:</b>			
<b>Decisions:</b>			
<b>Action Items:</b>			

ITEM	6	Assigned to:	Time
<b>Title of Topic</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES MANUAL (APM) UPDATE</b>	Afrooz Farsimadan State Board	10:50-11:10 (20 min)
<b>Purpose</b>	Coordinate with Regional Boards on updating the NPDES Wastewater Program APM		
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Update the NPDES APM and the Intranet site by August 2019		
<b>Background</b>	The State Water Board Executive Director is expecting all Programs have an updated APM, and intranet site. The SB NPDES unit has prepared an APM workplan with a tentative schedule for the update.		
<b>Attachments/ Links:</b>	 NPDES WW APM Update Workplan.d		
<b>Contact Person</b>	Afrooz Farsimadan – 916-341-5544		
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ITEM	7	Assigned to:	Time
Title of Topic	NPDES WATERNET UPDATES	Gil Vazquez-State Board	11:10-11:25 (15 mins)
Purpose	Information Exchange		
Desired Outcome	Information Exchanged		
Background	The NPDES Waternet webpage contains information/reference material to assist staff with permits, inspections and data entry. Gil Vazquez will present the NPDES Waternet webpage along with recent updates.		
Attachments/ Links:	NPDES Waternet webpage link: <a href="http://waternet/dwg/npdes/">http://waternet/dwg/npdes/</a>		
Contact Person	Gil Vazquez – 916-322-1400		
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ITEM	8	Assigned to:	Time
Title of Topic	WASTEWATER FROM INDOOR CANNABIS GROWERS	Eric Lindberg Region 8	11:25-11:55 (30 mins)
Purpose	Information sharing. Poll other Regional Boards on POTW's reaction to sewer connection of indoor cannabis growers within their jurisdiction.		
Desired Outcome	Shared Region 8 experience and hear other Regions'.		
Background	<p>In October 2017, the State Water Board adopted the Cannabis Cultivation Policy and General Order. The General Order establishes a Waiver of WDRs applicable to most indoor commercial cultivation activities, provided that the cultivators use municipal source water and discharge all wastewater to a community sewer system.</p> <p>The South Coast Cannabis Cultivation Regulatory Unit is located in the Region 8 office and is responsible for cannabis cultivation compliance and enforcement activities across three of the most heavily urbanized Regions in California (4/8/9), where both permitted and illicit indoor cannabis cultivation is common.</p> <p>Elevated salt and nutrient concentrations in wastewater discharges from indoor cannabis growers are posing concerns to some sewerage agencies, particularly where WWTPs are approaching effluent discharge limits. Staff will share pictures and information on indoor cultivation activities and concerns raised by POTWs regarding wastewater from indoor grows.</p>		
Attachments/ Links:			
Contact Person	Eric Lindberg – 951-782-3219		
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ITEM	9	Assigned to:	Time
<b>Title of Topic</b>	<b>WRAP UP</b>	Milasol Gaslan	11:55-12:00 (5 mins)
<b>Purpose</b>	Conclude meeting		
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	Summarize action items from this meeting, potential agenda items for future meetings, and confirm future meeting date.		
<b>Background</b>	Next quarterly meeting will be tentatively set with State Board hosting, decide if teleconference or face to face, note taker is R1.		
<b>Attachments/ Links:</b>			
<b>Contact Person</b>	Milasol Gaslan (951-782-4419)		
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